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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Daniel Calder on 9/02/05.

The application has been amended as follows: 1. Cancel claim 3.

2. In claim 1, at the end of line 8 after data delete period "." and insert --, wherein the arithmetic coding unit terminates an arithmetic coding process when an incremented value in the arithmetic coding process is equal to a sum of a number of pixels of the image data and the specific data added by the data adding unit--.